

## **Steve Bryant**

After several years of living in Mexico City and extensive travel working in South America, Steven Bryant left the corporate world of sales and marketing with Texas Instruments behind to relocate to Vermont and begin a second career in the food & beverage and hospitality industry. Without much hands-on experience, but with lots passion for travel and food, Steven and his wife, Lauren, purchased their first Vermont venture, The Inn at Weston, in 1998.

Almost 20 years later and still residing in Southern Vermont, they are currently owners of The Publyk House restaurant, a landmark property in Bennington with Mt. Anthony views. They are the managing partners of Church Street Hospitality, Inc., which includes a portfolio of unique inns and restaurants. The Dorset Inn, Vermont's oldest continuously operating inn c. 1796, offers 26 guestrooms and full service restaurant and tavern. Barrows House Inn & Restaurant is Dorset's own mini resort on a campus of 6 acres ideal for weddings and group gatherings with taproom style dining. Dorset Rising Bakery is a boutique bakery and café offering catering and specialty wedding desserts. The Lake House Pub & Grille features boat in waterside and dock dining on Lake Bomoseen. They are lead investors in Mountain Top Inn & Resort, a true four-season destination in central Vermont.

All of these properties are individually themed and are market leaders in their respective areas. Each one is situated in a prime location with a strong focus on the culinary arts. The vibe created at each property is unique.

Founding Member of the Vermont Production Council (<a href="www.vermontproductioncouncil.com">www.vermontproductioncouncil.com</a>), that has the goal of expanding the Television and Film content creation in Vermont. This is "low hung fruit" in terms of an opportunity to create investment and jobs in Vermont.

For the Manchester Region, see an opportunity to create more training and opportunities for culinary jobs with a concentration of restaurants, hotels and resorts in the area.

In addition, Steve holds a real estate license and enjoys transacting commercial and residential property with Josiah Allen Real Estate in Dorset. In his spare time, he enjoys all of the local outdoor pursuits...trail walks with his two Labradors, road biking, hiking, and skiing.

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